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Elthusa nierstraszi nom. n., the replacement name for *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915), a junior secondary homonym of *Elthusa parva* (Richardson, 1910) (Isopoda, Cymothoidae)

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Abstract

The recent transfer of *Elthusa parva* (Richardson, 1910) from *Ceratothoa* created a homonymy with *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915). *Elthusa parva* (Richardson, 1910) has priority and *Elthusa nierstraszi* **nom. n.** is proposed as the new replacement name for the junior secondary homonym *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915).

Keywords

Meinertia parva, *Livoneca parva*, junior homonym, new combination, marine fish parasite

Introduction

Hadfield et al. (2016) in redescribing poorly characterised species of *Ceratothoa* Dana, 1852 transferred the species *Ceratothoa parva* (Richardson, 1910) to *Elthusa* Schioedte & Meinert, 1884. In so doing *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915) was rendered a junior secondary homonym.

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According to Articles 23.3.5, 52 and 60.3 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (Anon 1999) *Elthusa parva* (Richardson, 1910) (originally in combination with *Meinertia* Stebbing, 1893) has priority and a new name *Elthusa nierstraszi* **nom. n.** is proposed for *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915) to remove the homonymy.

Abbreviations. RMNH – Rijksmuseum voor Natuurlijke Historie (Naturalis Biodiversity Center).

Taxonomic history

***Meinertia parva* Richardson, 1910**: 21, fig. 20.
Codonophilus parvus: Nierstrasz 1931: 132.
Ceratothoa parva: Trilles 1994: 127.
Elthusa parva: Hadfield et al. 2016: 75, fig. 12.

***Livoneca parva* Nierstrasz, 1915**: 98, pl. IV, figs. 18, 19; 1931: 143.
Elthusa parva: Bruce 1990: 287.
Lironeca parva: Trilles 1994: 182.

Suborder Cymothoida Wägele, 1989
Superfamily Cymothooidea Leach, 1814
Family Cymothoidae Leach, 1814
Genus *Elthusa* Schioedte & Meinert, 1884

***Elthusa nierstraszi* nom. n.**

Livoneca parva Nierstrasz, 1915: 98–99, pl. IV, figs. 18, 19; 1931: 143.
Elthusa parva: Bruce 1990: 287; Sidabalok 2013: 56.
Lironeca parva: Trilles 1994: 182.

Holotype. Single ovigerous female (11 mm long; 5 mm wide), Kisser, Indonesia, coll. K. Schädler, 1898 (RMNH.CRUS.I.71).

Distribution. Kisser (= Kisar?) Island, Moluccas, Indonesia (Nierstrasz 1915).

Hosts. Unknown.

Etymology. The new name honours the original author Hugo Frederik Nierstrasz (1872–1937).

Remarks. *Elthusa nierstraszi* nom. n. replaces the name *Elthusa parva* (Nierstrasz, 1915), originally *Livoneca parva* Nierstrasz, 1915. *Elthusa nierstraszi* nom. n. has mesially directed, narrow anterolateral margins on pereonite 1; pereonite 7 not overlapping pleonite 1; pleonites all subequal in width and narrower than the pereon; and the posterior margin of the pleotelson forms a caudomedial point.

The cover date for Trilles' (1994) '*Prodromus*' was 1991, but the work was most likely completed prior to that of Bruce (1990) and Trilles was simply retaining *Livoneca parva* in its original combination (albeit using the alternative incorrect spelling *Lironeca*; see Anon 1996). Prior to Bruce (1990) the name *Livoneca* (also as *Lironeca*) was largely used in the sense of *Elthusa*, and there is no possibility that Nierstrasz's species would remain in or be returned to *Livoneca*, a strictly New World genus.

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